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SUBJECT: COPEI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HERRERA COMMENTS ON  
US BRIEFING PAPERS

REF: CARACAS 5389

1. COPEI PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LUIS HERRERA CAMPINS  
IS QUOTED IN CARACAS DAILY "EL UNIVERSAL" OF JUNE 13  
AS FOLLOWS CONCERNING THE UPI STORIES ON BRIEFING PAPERS  
ON VENEZUELA. "IT WAS NOT UPI" SAID HERRERA, WHICH FIRST SINGLED  
OUT ADMINISTRATION CORRUPTION, POOR MANAGEMENT OF MASSIVE  
INCOME TO THE COUNTRY AND SPOKE OF THE CERTAINTY THAT  
HERRERA WOULD BE VICTORIOUS IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.  
HERRERA CONTINUED: "THE AD PEOPLE AND THE GOV THINK THAT  
IT IS A CRIME AGAINST THE COUNTRY WHENEVER ONE MAKES A  
CRITICISM AND OF COURSE MANIPULATE THIS QUESTION OF  
INTERVENTION AND OF INTERFERENCE IN AN OPPORTUNISTIC  
MANNER. THE GOV HAS COMMITTED TWO INTERVENTIONS, NOT DIRECT  
BUT INDIRECT, CONCERNING CERTAIN REGIMES IN CENTRAL  
AMERICA AND THE WEST INDIES AND WHEN NEWS COMMENTARIES ARE  
MADE ABOUT THEM, (IT) (THE GOV) SCREAMS TO HIGH HEAVEN,  
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AND BECAUSE OF THIS I SAY THAT THIS IS A GOVERNMENT VERY  
VULNERABLE TO CRITICISMS AND IT IS QUITE BEARABLE IN THE  
ELECTIONS."

2. CARACAS MORNING DAILIES JUNE 13 CARRIED STRAIGHT WIRE  
SERVICE STORIES ABOUT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN JUNE 12 STATEMENT  
ON BRIEFING PAPERS.

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